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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to an examination of this application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 3, rewrite the paragraph beginning on line 21 as follows:

Accordingly, the present invention provides a novel oligonucleotide primer for phosphotidyl inositol in *B.cereus* said primer comprising

PI - 1 (F) 5' AGTATGGGGAATGAG 3' (SEQ ID NO: 1)

PI - 2 (R) 5' ACAATTTTCCCACGA 3' (SEQ ID NO: 2)

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